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# AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB **SUMMER MEETING**

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(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

**DECEMBER 21st and 26th, 1946**

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## PRINCIPAL EVENTS:

**FIRST DAY ; Saturday, 21st December**

THE VILLIERS STAKES . . . . . £1,500 added  
One Mile.

**SECOND DAY ; (Boxing Day) Thursday,  
26th December**

THE SUMMER CUP . . . . . £2,000 added  
One Mile and Five Furlongs.

THE DECEMBER STAKES . . . . . £1,500 added  
(For Two-year-olds)  
Five Furlongs.

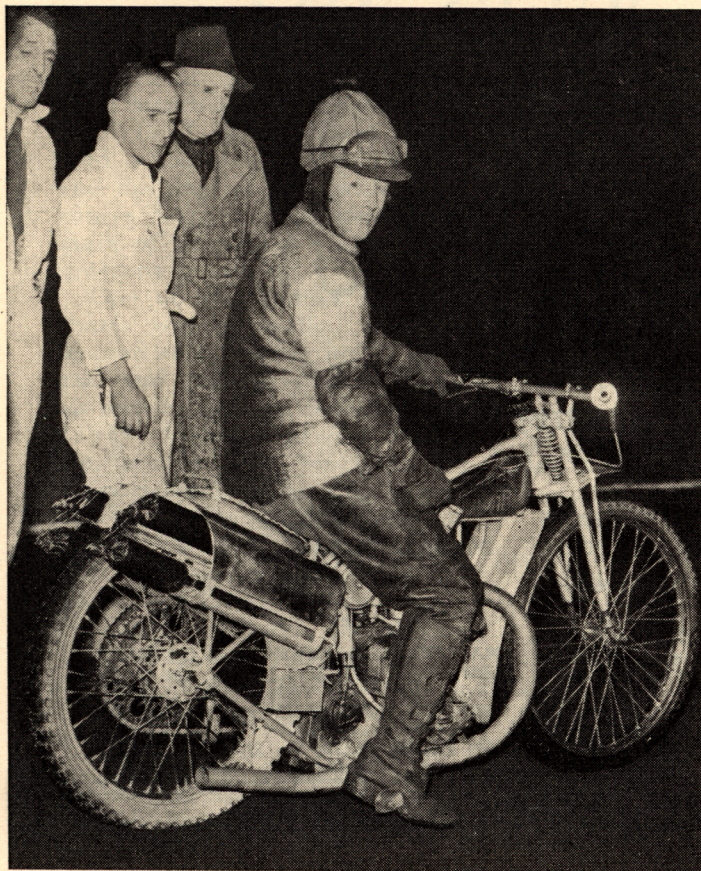
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Admission tickets for the Saddling Paddock only may be purchased at  
Hotel Australia, Castlereagh Street.

6 Bligh Street  
Sydney

Geo. T. ROWE  
Secretary





## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

in the CLUB ROOM



Double Ticket : £2/2/-.

(Includes Dinner and Supper, which will be served in the Dining Room.)

Dancing from 8.30 p.m.

Dress Optional.

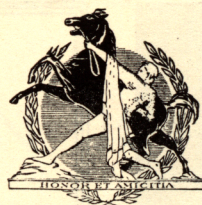
Reservations may be made at the Office.

*Speedway riding has taken England by storm, and the photo reproduced at left shows Bill Kitchen just before the first trial with his new Rocket propulsion invention. He touched off two rockets on each side of his rear wheel. The speed produced was described as impressive. Professor Low, rocket experimenter, has been working on the idea since 1917. Picture was taken during a Wembley Stadium meeting in November.*



*At the instigation of champion Gordon Richards several English jockeys gathered together to bid farewell to certain of their fellows who announced their retirement from the saddle. Picture shows Richards surrounded during drinking of the toast at the Albany Club, London, on November 20. Left to right: Freddie Herbert, A. Burns, Charlie Smirke (proposing toast), Gordon Richards and, just behind him, Tom Carey, Bobby Jones and Harry Bragg.*





# TATTERSALL'S CLUB

## SYDNEY

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## Editorial

# Greetings

CHRISTMAS means respite from concentration on the problems that take toll of our lives. It is essentially a personal season in which we—the majority of us, at any rate—turn to devotion of the Godhead of the Universe and become chastened in our reflections.

We cast off our arrogance—man's besetting sin—and realise that in the scale of life we are weighed by worth—and that it is worth while.

"What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he lose his soul?"

Not, as we see it so often throughout the year, an accumulation of wealth, but, as we appreciate it in this season of goodwill, an accounting of what we have paid out.

Call this which you will—religion or philosophy—it means the same thing. Not the Golden Calf, but the Golden Rule.

Or would you call it the Law of Compensation? Reduced to an earthly appraisal, it means that you will not get more out of life than you put

into it. Not what did you get—what did you give?

Many who, judged by material standards, are "successful men," are not very happy about it. They look with envy on those who have made less but have fared better in the sum total of human relationship.

So it is that, wishing you "the best," we mean the best things—those upon which no material value may be pleased, and yet are above rubies and diamonds.

And so we pass on to 1947, hoping that the thoughts expressed will linger in the mind and, possibly, shape our outlook in the future.

The big things in life are so mingled with the little that our judgment should always be on an even keel.

Unfortunately, it is not always so, but at this period each year a general and honest stocktaking of ourselves invariably tones down our mental outlook one to the other.

We are all the better for Christmas celebrations, which ever tie bonds of friendship more closely.



# THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY

**MR. FRED J. SMITH**, who was a member of Tattersall's Club since 1907, after a short illness, died on Saturday, November 23, and the flags at Randwick Racecourse were at half-mast as a mark of respect to the deceased sportsman.

One of Mr. Smith's first purchases was Validolid, who was secured as a yearling for 55 guineas, and won several races for his owner. About the same time (1919) Bigaroon carried his livery, and won at his first four starts, including The Champagne Stakes. Other good winners that Mr. Smith raced in partnership with his numerous friends included All Gold (Randwick and Flemington winner), Prince Cox (Australian Cup), Karuna (Doncaster Handicap), Genetout, Warlock, Columnist and the mighty Ajax.

During his periodical trips abroad Mr. Smith bought a number of thoroughbreds, including Medmenham, the dam of Ajax, and the French stallion, Genetout.

A few years ago Mr. Smith acquired a stud at Aluinn, on the Hunter River, where Genetout is the lord of the harem.

When the late Sir Adrian Knox relinquished racing horses he handed his colours (green and white hoops, red cap) as a compliment to "Mr. Constable," which was the nom-de-course of Mr. F. J. Smith, who upheld the dignity of the colours, and was one of the most popular owners of his period.

The deceased was born at Mulgrave, in the Windsor district, and was in his 75th year.

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**DURING** the visit to Sydney of Arthur Austin he was made an honorary member of this club which enabled him, as he said, to renew acquaintance with many he had met in the sporting world in other years. Particularly was he pleased to meet Frank Underwood. In the late nineties they had been opponents on the football field—Frank representing N.S.W. and Arthur representing Queensland.

**SOMEONE** who is old in years said in the club recently that he wasn't old because he didn't feel old. Sir Henry Braddon put it well:

"Age is not a matter of figures on the baptismal register. It is a condition of mind, very largely. When our ideals weaken our enthusiasms wane. When we become cynical, over-engrossed, then we have become old, no matter what the exact toll of our years. As long as a man keeps his mind resilient, his nature open to friendly influences, he will never grow entirely old."

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## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER.

2nd E. C. Murray	21st Geo. Langley
7th F. Z. Eager	24th A. D. Swan
8th N. G. Morris	25th W. Sherman
10th A. J. McDowell	26th Jack Blume
F. J. Shephard	28th M. Gearin,
12th W. Gourley	Dr. A. S. Reading
13th E. S. Pratt	29th E. J. Hazell
17th E. O. Crowhurst	30th C. S. Brice
19th J. T. Jennings	31st Jack Davis
20th E. W. King	

### JANUARY

1st P. Kearns	21st C. F. Viner Hall
6th V. J. Hutchins	22nd J. Hunter
7th J. L. Geraghty	23rd A. K. Quist
8th F. G. Spurway	26th A. C. Ingham
9th R. A. Sharpe	W. S. Edwards
10th J. A. Chew	27th N. Stirling
11th Col T. L. F. Rutledge	H. T. Matthews
14th W. C. Wurth	28th Leon Vandenberg
16th A. C. W. Hill	29th G. R. W. Mc-
17th G. V. Dun-	Donald
woodie	
20th W. T. Ridge	30th R. H. Alderson
C. V. Dunlop	31st G. H. Beswick

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**THIS** talk of the falling birthrate . . . Have you accompanied the kids to see Father Christmas in the Fairy Coach? Children afoot clinging to your coat tails; children in arms reaching across to tug at your tie or pull off your hat. An assistant shouting: "This way all mothers of lost children!" Another holding up a child at a time and calling: "Who owns this one?" Santa Claus promising every child everything for which it asks. If you haven't been in on a Santa Claus and the Fairy Coach, you have missed one of the most joyful experiences of the year.

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**VALUED** and popular members who passed away in December were: Siegfried William Griffith, of Randwick, and John Cyril Drew Waterman, of North Sydney. Condolences of members are accorded their relatives and friends.

**ABOUT** that boxing dispute as to whether the thumbs of English gloves are made too long. Vic. Patrick said they were and objected.

Inside story is that Patrick's hands are wider than the usual variety and he must have gloves that fit comfortably.

James, who brought the English set with him did not have precedent on his side when making his demand for their use.

A short time back when American Williams went to England as world champion to fight James the English Board of Control insisted on their own gloves being used. They said "this fight is taking place in England and we are entitled to say what gloves will be used."

Well, this fight is in Australia. Same thing surely applies.

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**WHEN** we are drinking our toasts in the club in the festive season, let us pause and think of the good fellows who passed from our company during the year. So will they live in our memory.

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**WE** regret to record the death on November 23 of Walter Raymond Ross who had been a member since 9.1.41.

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**WHEN** E. R. (Ernie) Williams won at Randwick with Rotten Row it was the break in a long drought.

Now the way is clear for Shannon's brother, Lysander, to carry the black and white jacket successfully.

Lysander is a big colt who was not able to race in the early two-year-old events, but he will come along later.

He looks good—and will have to be—to reach the Shannon standard.

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**WHEN** Bradman won the toss against Hammond in the first Test match after a run of outs, the Australian captain flipped an old English four-shilling piece.

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**THE** overseas publications rate highly among club amenities. They provide the means of members keeping themselves informed of world events through intimate pictures and articles.



# TATTERSALL'S CLUB SYDNEY

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

*Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.*

### FIRST DAY : SATURDAY, 28th DEC., 1946

#### NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden Race excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £50; provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-old horses not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

#### JUVENILE STAKES.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For two-year-olds. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. FIVE FURLONGS.

#### THE CARRINGTON STAKES.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £1,500 added. Second horse £300, and third horse £150 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes or The Summer Cup, 1946, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb. as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Such declaration to be made not later than 7 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946. (No allowances for Apprentices.) (Entries closed.) SIX FURLONGS.

#### ENCOURAGE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden and Novice Races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £75; provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-old horses not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. ONE MILE.

#### PACE WELTER.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. 7lb. ONE MILE.

#### DENMAN HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £7 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £700 added. Second horse £140, and third horse £70 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

### SECOND DAY : WEDNESDAY, 1st JAN., 1947

#### NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For three-year-olds at time of starting. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

#### NURSERY HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. For two-year-olds. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. FIVE FURLONGS.

#### HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £7 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £700 added. Second horse £140, and third horse £70 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 8st. SIX FURLONGS.

#### TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 8.30 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 26th December, 1946; with £1,500 added, and a Gold Cup valued at £100. Second horse £300, and third horse £150 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes, The Summer Cup or The Carrington Stakes, 1946, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb. as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Such declaration to be made not later than 7 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, 28th December, 1946. (No allowances for Apprentices.) (Entries closed.) ONE MILE AND A HALF.

#### TRIAL HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden, Novice and Encourage Races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £100; provided that a winner of a race or races for two-year-old horses not exceeding in the aggregate £750 in value to the winner shall be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

#### ALFRED HILL HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 30th December, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, not less than 7st. 7lb. ONE MILE.

**ENTRIES** are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only. **Minor Events** before 3 p.m. on Monday, 16th December, 1946. Nominations shall be subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the Nominator agrees to be bound.

**WEIGHTS** to be declared as follows:—For the Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup at 10 a.m., Monday, 9th December, 1946; for Minor Events, First Day at 7 o'clock p.m., Thursday, 26th December, 1946; and for Minor Events, Second Day, at 8 o'clock p.m., Saturday, 28th December, 1946.

**ACCEPTANCES** are due with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only as follows: For all races on the First Day and Tattersall's Club Cup before 8.30 o'clock p.m., Thursday, 26th December, 1946, and for all Races on the Second Day (Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) before 12.30 o'clock p.m., Monday, 30th December, 1946.

**PENALTIES:** In all races (The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) a penalty on the following scale shall be carried by the winner of a handicap flat race after the declaration of weights, viz.: when the value of the prize to the winner is £50 or under, 3lb.; over £50 and not more than £100, 5lb.; over £100, 7lb.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such a race without a division. The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the conditions of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race, shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races, and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amount of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

T. T. MANNING,  
Secretary.



# HORSE OF THE MONTH

## Season's Best Filly—Sweet Chime

Sweet Chime has proved herself to be the outstanding three-year-old filly of the season, and to that extent superior to the colts. She has reigned supreme over her sex, whereas the colts have beaten one another.

Horsemen pin their faith to one idea — that when young horses keep beating one another they are average.

Conversely, Sweet Chime has kept on beating the three-year-

While she was carrying all before her in Melbourne, the question was asked: Why she did not challenge the colts, but the obvious answer to this was why throw away a certain win in the Wake-

put up a great fight, for she is a fine filly, who does not know when she is beaten.

Trained by Maurice McCarten, she proved the hope of his side in Melbourne, and compensated to some degree for the disappointment of Flying Duke.

Flying Duke had to run in the Victoria Derby, which has an additional reason why Sweet Chime would not start in that race.

Both are owned by Mr. Percy Miller, but he decided to lease Sweet Chime for her racing career to Mr. W. K. Dawes. Mr. Dawes planned that on no account would he run Sweet Chime against Mr. Miller's colt, Flying Duke.

Outstanding point of all the Melbourne successes was that Mr. Dawes was not present to see his filly perform so well on any one occasion.

Sweet Chime's galloping ability is not surprising, for she is bred to win, being by the important sire, Le Grand Duc, from Korimako.

Korimako was not absolutely champion class, but she was one of the best mares of recent times when carrying the black and blue halves made famous this year by Shannon.

Shannon's owner-trainer, Peter Riddle, raced Korimako with considerable success.

Korimako has all the earmarks of Mr. Miller's Kia Ora Stud, for she is by his old champion stallion, Magpie, while her dam, Joy Bells, is by Comedy King from the imported mare, Joyeuse, by Bayardo.

There is little to wonder at, therefore, that Sweet Chime is good.

Sydney racegoers will realise how good she is when they see her in action again next year.



*Sweet Chime and her jockey, W. Cook, returning to scale after their success in the Oaks at Flemington.*

old fillies, and she rounded off her spring campaign with all but beating Propontis and other oldsters in the Eclipse Stakes and Caulfield.

As she had won four races in succession, one at Randwick, one at Caulfield, and two at Flemington, she has about the best record of any top-flight racehorse of the spring.

ful Stakes on Victoria Derby Day.

Whether Sweet Chime could have beaten the colts will not be known, but maybe it will be shown whether or not she can beat the colts in the autumn, when the races for the St. Legers in Melbourne and Sydney have to be decided.

One thing is certain—she will



# Roundabout of Australian Sport

## SWIMMING POOL SPLASHES

After a long break during the war the Swimming Club is in action again, and never in its nearly 20 years' existence has there been so much enthusiasm shown by members. Our Servicemen evidently have to find something to make up for the loss of route marches, air battles and night watches, and they have found it in the Pool, whilst the older members are just not going to let the young 'uns have it all their own way.

NOW that luncheon is again provided in the Pool, it is a great sight to see the old coteries and a host of new ones foregathering to cool off on the hot days. We know of nothing better to clear away the morning's worries and to set one up to tackle the after-lunch problems.

Insistent demands or racing to recommence called Secretary Jack Dexter and Handicapper John Gunton into action, and the first event was listed for November 19th, over 40 yards. Twenty starters, including many of the old hands and a lot of new men, faced the water, and H. E. Davis had the honour of leading the field home.

Each event since has seen an increase in starters, and in the first three events forty members have competed. Fields are now so large that divisions will have to be instituted.

Heats of races will be swum every Tuesday at 1 p.m. sharp, with the final on the following Thursday.

Present intentions are to hold a Point Score Competition, comprising four events, and a trophy will be awarded to the winner of each point score. Club Committeeman Don Wilson has donated a sum towards prizes for these competitions, and other members will doubtless be prepared to do likewise.

It is hoped also to revive the Dewar Cup Competition for the

season's point score. This was always the object of very keen competition and the highlight of the season.

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 24th December, the Club will again hold that most successful and happy "get-together" of former years, the "Christmas Scramble," when prizes in the form of seasonal cheer will be distributed.



*Englishman Ronnie James, imported by Sydney Stadiums Ltd. to fight Vic. Patrick for the Empire lightweight championship. With him is his Australian representative John Phillips.*

Just glancing through the names of the swimmers reveals that Tattersall's Club has a star collection, including Bill Kendall, fastest sprinter Australia has produced, and a breaker of 60 sec. for 100 metres at the Berlin Olympic Games; Bruce Hodgson, one of our best sprinters of a few years back.

Frank Carberry, ex-Australian backstroke champion, and crack-jack sprinter; Vic. Richards, good surfer and swimmer, and Australian Rugby Union representative; Jack Miller, star surfer of

not so long ago and Gordon Boulton, a great surf beltman.

Those are just a few whom we have seen, and it is a certainty that it will not be long before Hans Robertson will be on deck.

Most popular victory of the season so far was Bill Kendall's win in a 40 yards heat in 18½ seconds. That's moving, but he will beat that before long.

Results of races held up to the time of writing are:

40 Yards Handicap, 19th November: H. E. Davis (25) 1; K. Hunter (23) 2, S. Murray (26) 3. Time, 24 sec.

40 Yards Handicap, 26th November.—H. E. Davis (25) 1, T. A. Richards (23) 2, W. Kendall (19) 3. Time, 23 sec.

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap, 3rd December: N. P. Murphy and K. Eiseman (50) 1; C. Hoole and T. H. English (52) 2; G. Goldie and W. Kendall (54) 3. Time, 46 2-5 sec.

November - December Point Score. Leaders in this series to 5th December, with one race to complete it, were:—H. E. Davis 16, N. P. Murphy 16, K. Eiseman 15, K. Hunter 15, W. Kendall 14½, T. A. Richards 14, T. H. English 14, C. Hoole 11, G. Boulton 10, P. Lindsay 8½, V. Richards 8½, A. McCamley 8, W. S. Edwards 8, G. Goldie 7½, D. Wilson 7½, R. J. Withycombe 7, S. B. Solomons 6½, J. Creer 6.

**REUBEN GRAY**, of the Gray barriers and starting stalls, is behind scratch at present in the Masonic Hospital.

He was taken ill suddenly this month, and had to be sent off in a hurry. He is making good progress now.

"Reub" has been a busy man in recent times and has been travelling far afield.

In his compulsory absence, Gray Jr. has had to take control, new barriers at Tumut being one of his jobs.



## CUT THE CACKLE

Wrangling has invaded the tours of the English cricketers and the American tennis players as it invaded the tour of the English League footballers.

THIS is greatly to be regretted, because the whole purpose of the games is being squandered on useless conflict regarding things that bear only minor relationship to rules and which threaten good relations.

What is wrong with the English tour, so far, is that—as one writer put it—"there are too many captains in the pavilion." More directly put, there are among the writers certain fellows unfortunately disposed, as it would appear, to capitalise incidents.

Incidents, after all, are only part of the game, and should not be magnified unduly.

### Was Bradman Out?

Was Bradman caught by Ikin? The umpire ruled a bump ball. That should have been the end of it. Instead the incident was made an

issue. The umpire was "taken on" in the English Press.

As the English themselves say: "It isn't done."

Then, the Americans have protested—protested is the word—against Bromwich's habit of dropping his second service ball when the first service ball gets home.

This practice, the Americans claim, "destroys concentration."

This claim might come better from a troupe of temperamental movie stars.

Players of class, toughened by experience, should not be distracted so easily. They should have their emotions under firmer control—and it isn't unsporting to say so sharply.

That 19th-century idealist, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, said:

"Before all things it is necessary that we should preserve in sport those characteristics of nobility and chivalry which have distinguished it in the past, so that it may continue to play the same part in the education of the peoples of to-day as it played so admirably in the day of ancient Greece. Imperfect hu-

manity has ever tended to transform the Olympic athlete into the paid gladiator. But the two things are incompatible. We must choose between one formula and the other."

WHAT did Fred Wilson say to M.C.C. captain Wally Hammond at Randwick this month?

Hammond took a day off from cricket, and we'll say he could exchange secrets with Fred with safety.

Both are experts in their particular realm of sport and for anything they say or do there is adequate reason.

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THE club does not see so much of R. (Dick) Cobden these days, and possibly he is synchronising his return with that of Swan River to the winning list.

Dick has had to take life quietly, but he is promised an encouragement back to brighter days.

Swan River, who was a victim of lameness after winning in Brisbane last winter, is ready to tackle hard work again at Randwick.

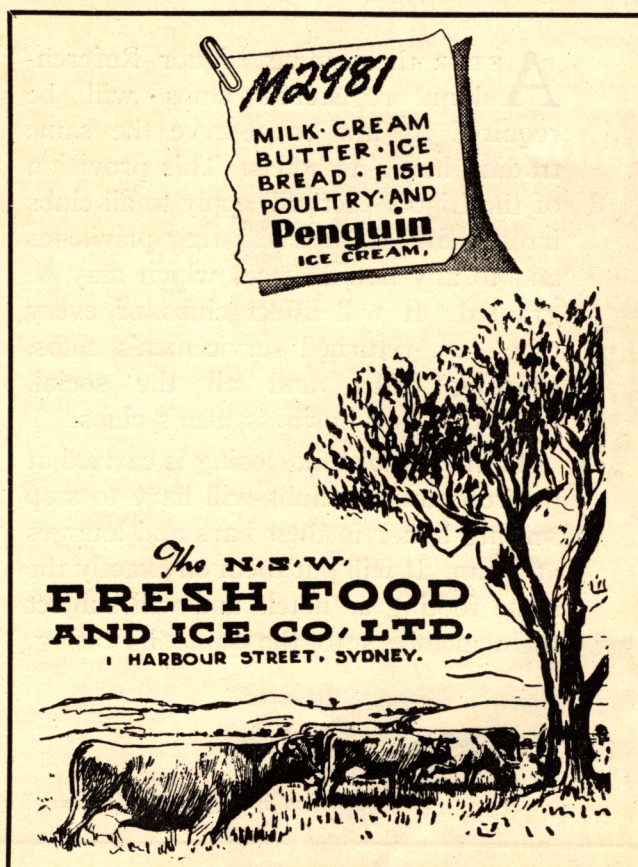


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# How will **THE LIQUOR REFERENDUM** affect club trading hours?

**A**FTER the coming Liquor Referendum, registered clubs will be required by law to observe the same trading hours as hotels. This provision of the Liquor Act will apply to all clubs irrespective of their existing privileges and to any new licences which may be granted. It will affect clubs of every type . . . returned servicemen's clubs, sporting clubs, and all the social, fraternity and business men's clubs.

If, then, 6 o'clock closing is carried at the referendum, clubs will have to stop serving liquor in their bars and lounges at 6 p.m. It will put them on exactly the same footing as hotels and will subject their members to the same irritating,

inconvenient and unreasonable restrictions that so annoy the hotel customer to-day.

This is just one aspect of the case against 6 o'clock closing which club members in particular should remember on referendum day. Six o'clock closing has been a social disgrace to our State for 30 years, and people who have seen the benefits of reasonable hours and up-to-date amenities in their own clubs will agree that these benefits should be available in every hotel to everyone in the community. In the interests of moderate drinking conditions, 10 O'CLOCK must be the new closing hour.



## Club Athletics

The Athletic Department is a hive of industry these days, and it's an open bet whether the swimmers or the handballers are the more energetic.

IT is really like old times to see the pre-war players smiting the ball round. Yes, we know Peace is with us when we see the boys back from the wars, foregathering on the Third Floor to enjoy their game.

The Handball Club takes this opportunity to welcome back the Servicemen and to invite all members who have not played before to try themselves out in the competitions.

A Knockout Handicap Competition has already started, due to the energy of Sam Block, whose war service has not dimmed his enthusiasm a whit. The draw is on the Notice Board and members are requested to play their games as soon as possible, in order that further competitions may be arranged.

Present holder of the club title, Eddie Davis, is reported to be in great form, but he will have his work cut out to hold the championship from players like Bill Tebbutt, who is on the back mark with him in the present handicap, Pat Hernon, George McGilvray and J. R. Coen. There are also other up-and-coming players who will soon be challenging the champion.

Handicaps allotted are: E. E. Davis and W. A. Tebbutt, owe 15; P. Hernon, G. D. McGilvray and J. A. Coen, owe 11; B. F. Partridge, owe 10; A. J. Moverley and K. Hunter, owe 9; E. S. Pratt, owe 8; A. E. Rainbow, owe 6; J. W. Buckle, owe 4; I. Green, owe 3; E. A. Davis, scratch; E. T. Penfold, W. G. Buckle, K. Williams and J. Harris, 3; W. W. Kirwan, P. B. Lindsay, G. L. Boulton, K. Eiseman and G. Pratten, 5; R. B. Hodgson, 7; T. H. English, A. McCamley, N. P. Murphy and C. H. Woodfield, 8; G. Goldie and N. Barrell, 9; H. E. Davis, C. C. Hoole and G. G. Carr, 15.

## TENNIS — Something About U.S.A. Invaders

Before the next issue reaches members' hands the famous Davis Cup contest will have been decided.

AMERICA has sent out a formidable team to test our stars, and while Australians generally rate our chances of retaining the trophy there are several reasons why over-confidence should be taboo.

Main reason is Jack Kramer, who is visitors' No. 1 player, has had ample experience, and his ability is beyond question.

When Australia won on the eve of war in 1939, Kramer and his partner, the late Joe Hunt, gave John Bromwich and Adrian Quist a terrible fright.

As Kramer is now only 25 years of age, it is reasonable to assume his form is on the up and up. Bromwich has probably stayed put so far as form goes, but Quist has definitely deteriorated, while our next string, either Colin Long, Geoff. Brown or Dinny Pails do not inspire with confidence.

Bromwich cannot win the Davis Cup on his own, and our only solace is, neither can Kramer. Hence it resolves on the second string of each nation.

Who will be "Brom's" partner in the doubles? If you can answer that quiz you may get somewhere.

Your Magazine tips Colin Long.

Below readers will find some abbreviated data regarding our visitors, who will do battle in Melbourne on December 26, 27, 28.

**Jack Kramer (25):** Won the 1946 United States National Singles in brilliant fashion. Will probably be partnered by Ted Shroeder in the doubles.

**Ted Shroeder:** Won the U.S. Singles in 1942 by beating Parker. Has, with Kramer, won the national doubles twice. Has peculiar gait on court.

**Frank Parker:** Beat Adrian Quist, then at his top, in the 1939 Davis Cup Singles. Twice national Singles title holder, and

reputed to be at his best, although defeated this year by Tom Brown in the semi-final. Is tireless, and the longer the contest the stronger he becomes.

**Mulloy Gardnar (31):** Oldest member of the party, has won the National Doubles with Bill Talbert as partner. Stands over six feet, and has a terrific smash overhead.

**Bill Talbert** has a record for being runner-up in major contests, and is the court humourist. Some of his antics get the crowds rocking with laughter. When the strain is not on he rises to great heights. He and Mulloy are the National Doubles title holders.

**Walter Pate:** Non-playing captain, is an attorney in New York. He has been manager of every American Davis Cup team since 1936. Knows every move, and has one fixed idea in his mind—to take back home the winning combination.



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A SAD cricketing note comes from London, where Sutcliffe has opened a fund in aid of Phil Mead and Len Braund. Phil Mead was so long associated with Test cricket that the story is told of a spectator who greeted him in Sydney in 1928 with the remark: "I am so glad to meet you. I had the pleasure of knowing your father when he was out here in 1911" (writes the "Bulletin.") Mead is now blind, and Braund, remembered as a particularly fine-looking stamp of a man, has lost both legs. Hammond has often acknowledged a thing he has experienced himself—the generosity of Australian sporting crowds, and an appeal to them, from him, would not go unanswered. If, say, the Bedser brothers, in cricket togs, were on the job for a while taking the hat around at a Test match they would collect more contributions for the Mead-Braund fund than they could carry.

For the convenience of members a shoe-shine service is available in the Barber's Shop.

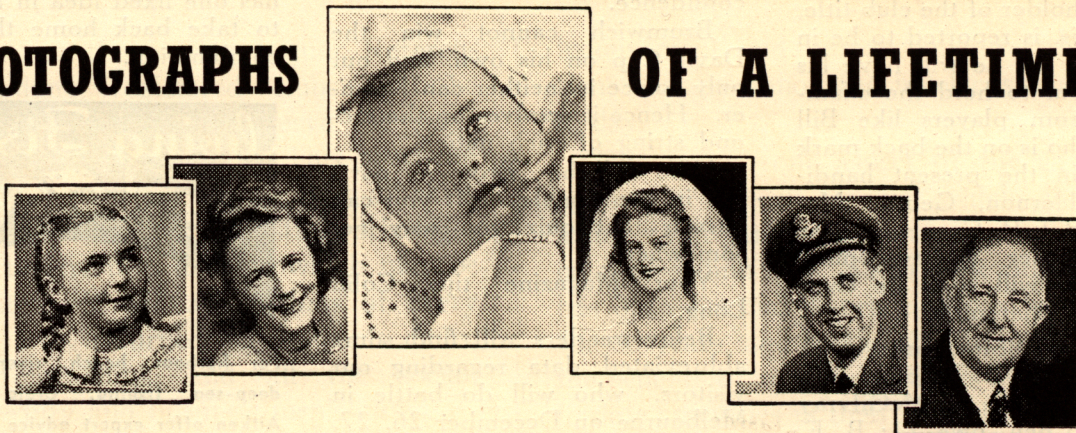
## THREE OF A KIND



English bowlers Dick Pollard and Bill Voce hold confab with Australian Ernie Tosback (centre) at an informal meeting off the Test cricket field.

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## O Tempora, O Mores

SLAPSTICK-COMEDY and clownish face-slapping have a probable origin in the ancient Lithuanian game of face-slapping. Monotonous to watch, nevertheless, this endurance test calls for more ability to take punishment than is displayed in the prize ring.

The opponents stand squarely facing each other and slap each other's face with the palm of the right hand. It must be remembered that the Lithuanian peasant's hand is calloused to the consistency of horn, so that a slap on the face, delivered with all the force of a ploughman's shoulder, is no light tap. Yet two champion face-slappers of Lithuania slapped each other continuously for 36 hours for a wager. Of course, the game is never drawn. The last slap wins.

Face-slapping is as crude and primitive a game as the Chinese coolies' game of finger-prodding. The rules of this strange pastime are simple. One simply pokes his opponent in the stomach with a stiff

forefinger and receives a poke in the stomach in return. The battle is won by the man whose finger and stomach muscles hold out the longer.

Contestants train for their bouts with bags of rice, which they prod for hours on end until their forefingers resemble gnarled wooden sticks. Sometimes, with Oriental indifference, they nonchalantly prod each other to death.

WHAT with private fights among diplomats and conflict among the nations, not to mention shuddersome predictions about atomic developments, the closing year has been a shocker, to put it mildly. The world appeared at times to have slid perilously close to calamity, only to be levered back by compromise or postponement of the issue. So it went on, hovering over the abyss. What the new year holds is conjectural. Our best bet is the strength of the Anglo-American entente.

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## Sport and Sportsmen

It is exactly ten years since a Test was played in Sydney. England won in 1936 by an innings and 22 runs, due largely to the present M.C.C. skipper, W. R. Hammond, who made 231 not out in an English total of 426 for six wicket (closed). Australia were dismissed for 80 and 324.

Thirty tests have been played in Sydney. England and Australia have won 15 each. England has not been beaten in Sydney for 21 years—since 1925. H. L. Collins' team then beat A. E. R. Gilligan's team by 307 runs. In 1928 England won by eight wickets; in 1932 by 10 wickets.

The two closest Test victories in history were played in Sydney. In 1885 Australia won by six runs. In 1894 England won by 10 runs.

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Tom Howard, who was Treasurer of the 1930 Australian tour to England said that rain-soaked English wickets are not so vicious as similarly affected pitches in Australia. This was due to differences in climate and in atmosphere.



*Walter Hammond (in front on left of picture) leads his cricket side on to the field at Brisbane for the first Test of the 1946-47 series.*

A number of Americans in Sydney are organising to put baseball on the map. They reckon that its speed would appeal to the Australian temperament. They do not intend to adopt half measures. Assistance from America, financial and in the matter of players, will be enlisted. The game will be played professionally. No shamateurism.

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Cricket authorities are concerned over the poor crowds attracted to the grade games. People are turning up in hundreds where previously they were counted in thousands. Why? That's for the authorities to discover. Is it that cricket as a game lacks the pace that the new generation demands? Are modern wickets favouring batsmen too much at the expense of bowlers? Have the thrills departed? Those and other questions occur. What are the answers?

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A visitor from N.Z. said that W. J. Wallace was among the few surviving of the "All Blacks" teams of 1903 and 1905. One has not necessarily to "live in the past" to claim that these were great combinations. Possibly, the 1903 team was the greatest team—meaning team—ever to visit Australia.

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Although the N.Z. Rugby Union has not yet communicated officially its decision to send a team to Aus-

tralia next season, it is understood that the deal is as good as made. N.Z. is taking the view that "the game's the thing" and intends to think in terms beyond N.Z. Here the game needs a visit from N.Z.—since England will not be sending a team until 1948 or 1949—to enhance public interest.

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Staging in the U.S. of an international horse race is not a new idea. It was talked about pre-war, and before that. Trouble is to have owners of champion horses risk their property in transit. That, apart, men who know racing realise that the advantage lies with the horse, or horses, acclimatised to the conditions of the country in which the race is run. That has been proved over and over again.

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In his wrestling matches in Australia London proved what an artist could achieve. He was not so heavy and, possibly, not so strong, as were his opponents, but he had that plus factor which turned the scales in his favour—the talent of a champion.

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# CARRINGTON AND CUP

## Good Fields are Likely

With 63 entrants for Tattersall's Club Cup and only 45 for the Carrington Stakes, the ratio is most unusual. Last year there were 48 entered for the sprint and only 39 for the Cup.

Most satisfactory feature of the Cup entry, apart from the numerical strength, is that class is well to the fore.

The outstanding nomination is that of the Melbourne Cup winner, Russia, and in addition Cor-

Headed by Russia, 10.2, Russia won the Melbourne Cup with 9 stone.

Most interesting point is Mr. G. F. Wilson's weights for improvers like Le Fusil 7.9, Haxton 6.10, Parfait 7.2 and Hemi-

For many years the Carrington Stakes was a public trial for New South Wales' prospects in the Newmarket Handicap. This year's field suggests a smart field of sprinters, although the numbers are down, and already Maa Leesh, one of the entrants, has been returned to Brisbane.

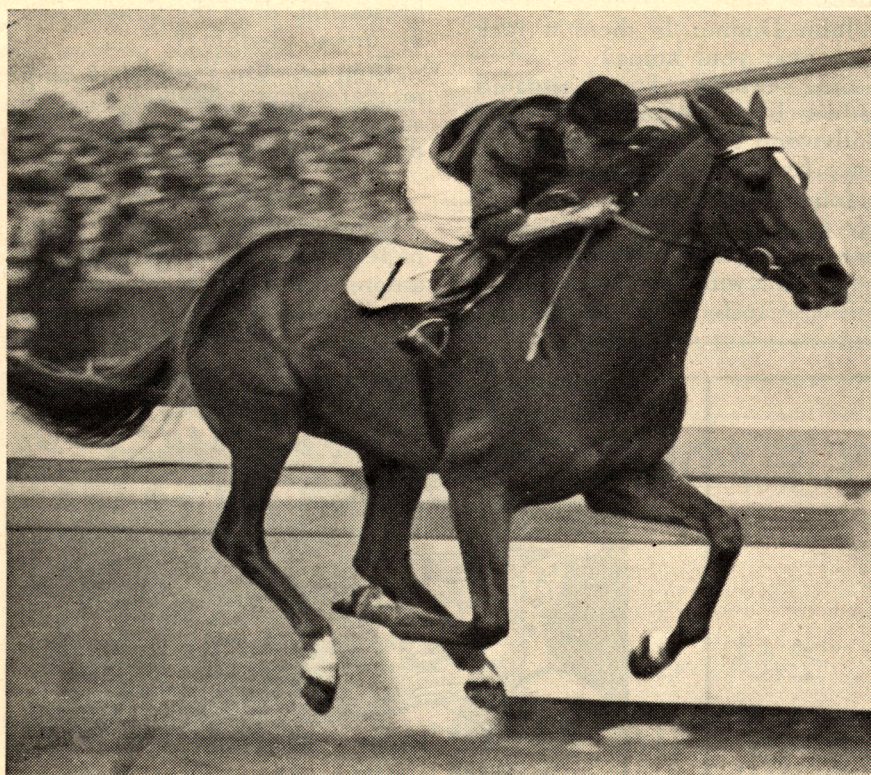
Smartest gallopers engaged probably are Hall Stand, 8.13, and Courtship, 8.3, with Immediate 9.7 if he strikes form to be included in the band, despite his big weight.

Possibly the A.J.C. Chairman (Mr. A. G. Potter) and his partner, Mr. K. Mackay, will tackle the Carrington Stakes of six furlongs with Warspite, although they decided against a run in the Villiers Stakes.

Two interesting and improving young sprinters in El Grandee 7.5 and Count Cosmo 7.0 also suggest possibilities, and there is Puffham 9.5 who races on and is one of Sydney's best gallopers over short courses.

The season's most successful trainer, Mr. D. Lewis, has an unusual trio for this class of race with Peter Con 7.6, Clipper 7.5 and Sweep 7.0; but his representatives have been so decidedly on the target that probably the selected one will not be so far away at the end of the Carrington Stakes.

Taken altogether, the position is a healthy one, and suggests that the encouragement of staying types in longer races is proving a success.



*Russia winning the Melbourne Cup with 9 stone. He has 10.2 in Tattersall's Cup.*

dale 9.5, Magnificent 8.13, Murray Stream 9.2, Immediate 8.13, Peter 9.3, Silver Link 8.10 and Chaytor 9.5 represent a list of some of the best distance horses of the present time.

Usually the handicapper frames a flattering list of weights for the midsummer meetings, and Tattersall's Cup should be one of the most interesting of the series.

sphere 6.10, compared with the tried stayers.

There is even one interstate entry for the Cup this year in Logical, 7.10, from Melbourne, but whether he will come so far to appear remains to be seen. There is also a complete casualty in the Cup list, with New Idea destroyed as a result of a track accident.



# SCREEN AND STAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## Bing Crosby Tells About His Steeds

John Dunne's 2SM interviews with notables are among the highlights of our radio system. He goes far and wide for celebrities, and a recent talk with Bing Crosby strikes a very interesting note. Following is an abridgement of a two-way across the seas interview:

John Dunne: How many horses have you in training?

Bing Crosby: We don't race so many horses now. I am in partnership with Lindsay Howard, son of Charles S. Howard, the owner of the famous Sea Biscuit. Lindsay and I have a breed farm. What horses we are unable to sell we raise as two-year-olds, and try and sell them at the race tracks. Currently, we have about five horses in training.

John Dunne: Do you have an actual hand in the training of the horses? Do you rise early and join them on the track?

### Gets Up Early.

Bing Crosby: I like to get up early and go out to the track

when some horses are going to be breezed, but I don't take any part in the training or recommend any training methods or any veterinary methods to be applied. I just go out and watch them work and have breakfast and sit around and chin with the race track habitués.

John Dunne: Is there a race track near your home?

Bing Crosby: I am situated midway between Santa Anita and Hollywood Park, but a good distance from either of them.

John Dunne: Have you got any promising horses now—ones that might get somewhere, horses that might win for you?

Bing Crosby: Like all fellows

who breed horses, we hope some day that something we breed will turn out to be a nice horse. We have what I think is a good collection of brood mares, and, after all, that is the foundation of any good brood farm. In my opinion the mare is about 75 per cent. instrumental in the success of any colts you breed. I think we have a good array of brood mares and two good stallions. We hope some day to produce a good horse.

John Dunne: When your horses run, does the Crosby family invest anything?

Bing Crosby: We have a sentimental wager. Nothing too substantial. Perhaps a bob or two down in the third slot.

### Astaire Moves.

John Dunne: I noticed in the papers here that Fred Astaire is among the list of racehorse owners. He won the Hollywood Gold



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Cup, or something. Do you know if he backed that horse?

Bing Crosby: Fred has been a follower of horses and races for a number of years. He has owned horses in England, when he was working there in musical comedy productions. He has owned horses in the United States for a number of years, and this is his first good horse, called Triplicate. He won a big race at Santa Anita last winter, and this summer he won the Hollywood Gold Cup with Triplicate.

#### Occasional Wager.

He has an occasional wager on his horse, a modest wager, but something that will give him a real rooting interest in the performance of the horse. Of course, everybody at Paramount backed the horse, so there was a lot of loose loot around town that night.

John Dunne: Where's that Hollywood race track situated? What part of Hollywood?

Bing Crosby: It is in a suburb called Inglewood.

John Dunne: Some years ago, you had a filly running for you here in Sydney. I think her name was Miss Hua?

Bing Crosby: That's right. She was purchased for my account by Mr. Davis, a prominent breeder down there, and the former owner of Beaucaire, who is at stud here for Louis D. Mayer. Mr. Davis visited this country and we became friends. It was his suggestion that we bought a horse down there and ran it in our colours, so that we could have an interest in Australian racing. She won a race or two and was later sold by Mr. Davis to some Australian breeder. I hope she has done well in the breeding paddock.

John Dunne: Do you think you'll try your luck again on the Australian courses?

Bing Crosby: If I do I would like to be able to be there and watch them run, for there is not much pleasure in owning horses unless you can see them perform. I would not want to invest any more money down there on race

horses unless time and opportunity would permit me to visit Australia and spend some time there and watch the races at the race tracks.

John Dunne: What are your racing colours?

Bing Crosby: Blue and gold.

John Dunne: Why did you choose those colours?

Bing Crosby: I have a theme song I have used on the radio for years—"Where the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day." So we selected these for sentimental reasons.

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**T**HERE are so many motion picture houses that patrons can afford to pick their programmes; and this they are doing. Days have gone when the one picture could carry the show, unless it happens to be of outstanding quality. People are going where there are well-balanced programmes, and the post-war generation of picturegoers are more critical and discriminating. "Easy money" is something of yesteryear.



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## Stage and Screen

SOME of the "heroes" of the American screen strike us as being rather effeminate, apart from being past the romantic age. We hear a good deal of American "talent scouts." Why don't they despatch a few to Australia to look over our athletic types—those bronzed gods of the surf beaches, for example?

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FEW players of any consequence in the U.S. or Britain have not announced their intention of visiting Australia. Apparently they believe that this country is at the end of the rainbow, where rests the crock of gold. Maybe, but there have been a good many dipping into it, and those who wish still to profit should step lively. Probably many will realise that they have left their run too late and call off the trip. In any case, theatre accommodation is limited. Laurence Olivier's Old Vic. company has been fortunate to get in either at the Minerva or the Tivoli.

Sydney is in need of at least

## GOLFERS . . . and their drives

Sometime, maybe, our golf controllers may institute a "How Far Can You Drive" Competition. It should be enlightening if carried out on similar lines to the American idea which revealed amazing figures.

THE drives from the first tee of 180 competitors in the recent Victory National championship at Chicago were measured in each of the four days' play.

The average was 249 yards.

Craig Wood, 1940 U.S. Open champion, now in the middle forties, headed the list with an average for the four drives of 275 yards.

one other legitimate theatre, and to that end the Federal Government might waive restrictions as to building. Another house would enlarge the scope for employment of Australian talent—an important consideration.

He was closely followed by Byron Nelson, with an average of 270 yards.

Wood also hit the longest drive—285 yards. His four drives measured 266, 285, 282 and 266 yards.

Byron Nelson and Sam Byrd hit drives with the longest carry 255 yards!

There was practically no run on the course, as the fairways were watered every day. The average run on the drives was 27 yards and the maximum run 63 yards.

The players received no help from the wind—a zephyr of from six to 10 miles an hour.

The drives can be regarded as the normal hits of U.S. professionals.

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travelling at 50 miles an hour the impact is terrific."

### Even the Names Sound Fast.

He explained that in rough conditions the hydroplane could not show the best speed, as the pounding slowed the boat.

They were lined up at the pier—the Mercury — Spitfire — Shooting Star—Zipper—Comet . . . and others. All right, there's nothing in a name—but if these names were any indication the sport was going to be fast. The owners and passengers, and the friends of the owners and passengers were laughing and talking. They wore lifejackets of light oilskin, padded with some buoyant material.

"I've been a professional in other sports," remarked the commodore, "but the comradeship in this tops the lot. If anyone gets into difficulties, they're all round like a pack. There's danger in it . . . quite often we have to rescue capsized yachts," he added as an after-thought.

The New Brighton Power Boat Club was started about fifty-four years ago as a yacht club, but motor-boats were introduced when the petrol engine came in—and now it's all power, catering solely for power boats.

Most of the speed-boat men build their own craft, costing approximately £150. The engines are car engines converted for marine use.

It is evident that American blood-stock breeders are becoming more and more anxious to import horses from all over the world to boost-up blood lines in U.S.A., "Truth" reports. Mr. Cliff Sheath, who has been in New Zealand for the past couple of years, sends us word that an American breeder offered 20,000 gns. for the successful N.Z. sire Balloch. It was refused. Balloch is a half brother to noted sires Beau Pere (now a leading sire in America), Mr. Standfast and Gay Shield. Two of Balloch's first crop of four three-year-olds have already won, as well as two of his first two-year-olds.

## Brief Billiards Notes

This being Christmas issue reminds of a happening, a few years back, when one of our members decided the time was opportune to display his feelings of goodwill to a certain other member. To attain his objective a third member was brought into the picture who was asked, pointing to a certain object: "is the best I can buy?"

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"Well," continued No. 1, "here's a cheque and will you please send it to this address."

That is how Percy Smith sold a billiard table in quicker time than it takes some players to make a two-break!

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Snooker players vying for the world title, vacated voluntarily by Englishman Joe Davis, are engaged in an elimination tournament now being played in London.

All receipts are pooled and will be divided according to number of appearances.

Clark McConachy (New Zealand) and Horace Lindrum will battle for our antipodean regions.

Joe Davis' brother Fred is a popular pick but McConachy might easily topple the lot. He was runner-up in Davis in 1932.

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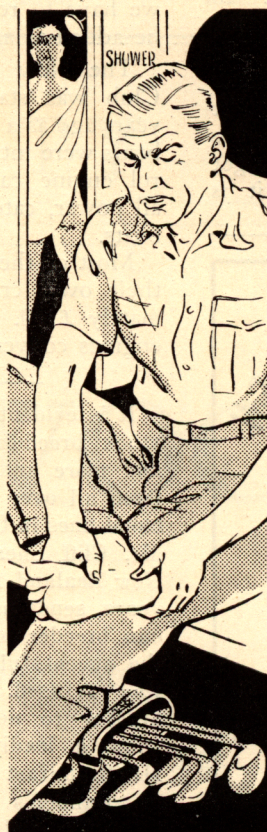
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## ABOUT TIME, TOO!

Recently there have been a few heartening signs pointing to the possibility of breaking down some of the sham rules of amateurism. (wrote Alan Hulls in the "Sunday Telegraph"). One of these signs came, curiously enough, from the British Lawn Tennis Council, which has empowered its delegates to vote for a deletion of the clause in international rules that describes an amateur tennis player as "one who isn't disqualified as an amateur in any other sport." Removal of this clause would mean that professionals in other sports could be regarded as amateurs in tennis.

This is a sane and completely logical move. There is no possible reason why a man who earns his living as a professional swimming coach should not be admitted into amateur tennis provided he abides by the doubtfully-controlled amateur rules of tennis. Professionals in other sports have never been barred as amateurs in golf, for instance. It is good to see such a conservative body as the English Lawn Tennis Council taking the

step, as it might influence even the International Federation to amend its absurdly strict rule of amateurism.

### AUSTRALIA'S POSITION.

Referring to the position in Australia, Hulls wrote:

Gradually, payment to amateurs for the time they lose from work is becoming accepted. It will be very necessary, for instance, if Australia is ever to be adequately represented at Olympic Games. Very few sportsmen can afford to make the financial sacrifices to thoroughly train for and go on overseas tours. It is certainly unfair to ask them to suffer financial loss while representing their country.

To get back to tennis. It would obviously be impossible for Australia to maintain its high standing in tennis but for the fact that the sports manufacturers make it possible for star players to devote their full time to the game. Maybe this system has its evils, and lawn tennis officials put up a brave front against any suggestions these players are not dyed-in-the-wool

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### JANUARY

Tattersall's Club	Wed., 1st
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 4th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 11th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 18th
Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 25th
Australian Jockey Club	Mon., 27th

### FEBRUARY

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 1st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 8th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 15th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 22nd

### MARCH

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 1st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 8th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 15th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 22nd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 29th

### APRIL

Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 5th
Australian Jockey Club	Mon., 7th
Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 12th
City Tattersall's	Sat., 19th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 26th

### MAY

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 3rd
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 10th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 17th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 24th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 31st

### JUNE

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 7th
Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 14th
Australian Jockey Club	Mon., 16th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 21st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 28th

### JULY

Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 5th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 12th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 19th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 26th

### AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 2nd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Mon., 4th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 9th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 16th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 23rd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 30th

### SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 6th
Tattersall's Club	Sat., 13th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 20th
Hawkesbury Racing Club	Sat., 27th

### OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 4th
Australian Jockey Club	Mon., 6th
Australian Jockey Club	Sat., 11th
City Tattersall's	Sat., 18th
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 25th

### NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 1st
Sydney Turf Club	Sat., 8th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 15th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 22nd
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### DECEMBER

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat., 6th
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Australian Jockey Club	Fri., 26th
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## BOTANIC GARDENS

A SANCTUARY in a busy city, of trees and flowers and rolling lawns . . . of placid little lakes and sudden vistas of blue distance—that is the Botanic Gardens in Sydney today.

But, in the year 1788, it was tang'd scrub country which, because of the proximity of the Tank Stream, was chosen as a location of our first farm, and which, through the influence and interest of Sir Joseph Banks, became the site of the first attempt at agriculture and horticulture in Australia.

Although, in some degree, the history of the Gardens is linked with Joseph Banks' collection of botanical specimens which he, in 1770, carried back to England and which created extraordinary interest there, yet the actual story which time has gathered around this green and pleasant spot, commenced in 1788 with Governor Phillip's First Fleet.

The Governor, being unimpressed with Botany Bay as a suitable landing-place, took a small boat and cruised the coast. He came, in this way, to the Port Jackson of today and discovered in a spot he named Sydney Cove the site of the future city of Sydney.

On board the ships of the First Fleet were various kinds of plants and seeds (including cereals for crops) which were designed to later provide food for the infant colony. The Governor's tent was pitched on the east side of Sydney Cove, near the present Macquarie Place. Adjacent to the tent and up the slopes of the east side, trees were promptly felled, the ground roughly prepared and the plants and seeds started on their useful way.

A place was sought for the crops and, on the shores of the adjacent cove to the east, an area was selected and a farm commenced—hence the name which still persists, Farm Cove.

Results were disappointing; the soil of the present Botanic Gardens was found to be naturally of a sterile nature and, as a further setback, the wheat crops were attacked by rust. Incidentally, the apparently excellent soil which produces today's beauty of blooms in the Botanic Gardens, is the result of careful soil fertilisation and cultivation over more than 100 years.

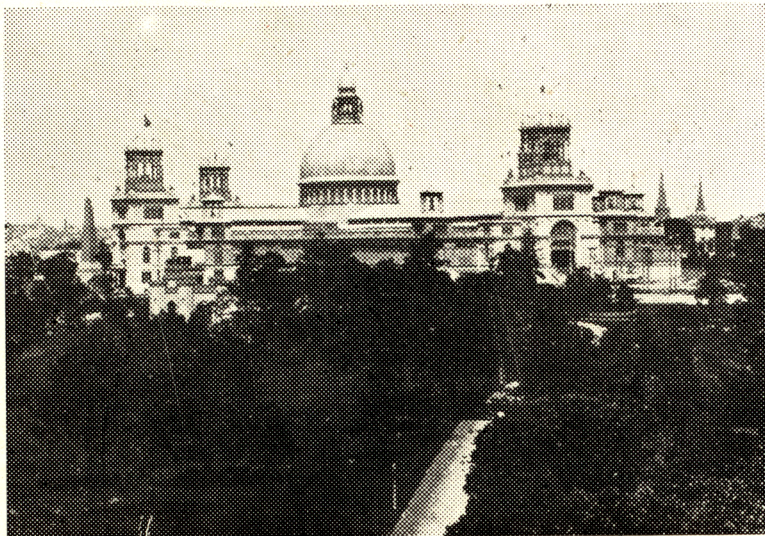
Although, after the failure of crops, farming activities declined in the Farm Cove area, yet these were still carried on for many years. Indeed, one of the "Scottish Martyrs", Gerald by name, is supposed to be buried on his farm which lay between the Wishing Tree and the Creek in the Gardens.

When the farm aspect was abandoned, long oblong beds in the direction of the plough furrows were made and these beds are still in existence.

Allan Cunningham, King's Botanist, came to the Colony in 1816 and, although Governor Macquarie was anxious for him to assume charge of the Government Gardens, the eminent botanist declined the offer. Nevertheless, that year, 1816, is considered to be the year of the formal establishment of the Sydney Botanic Gardens. The foundation stone of Mrs. Macquarie's Chair was officially dedicated in June of 1816 and a notable appointment made in the person of Charles Frazer as Colonial Botanist.

Through the 1820's and 1830's, the Gardens, roughly divided into three sections—lower, upper and kitchen, progressed very slowly. They were used mainly as a place where the Governor and officials could get fresh vegetables and little or no organisation existed.

The first building in the Gardens actually was erected in 1808;



The Garden Palace, Exhibition Building, 1879.

it was called the "Pinery" and used for the cultivation of pineapples. However, in 1837, a seed-room and barracks for convict workers were built.

In those earlier days the gate of the Gardens was not opened on Sunday until 1 o'clock, for the Governor and his people attended Morning Service at St. James Church and the party liked to walk back to Government House by way of the Wishing Tree. Therefore, the Middle Garden remained closed to the public until His Excellency was out of sight. Anyway, the colonists were all expected to be at Church on Sunday morning!

In 1848, Charles Moore, whose name will ever be linked with the Botanic Gardens as we know it today, was appointed Director of Gardens. We owe much to Charles Moore for he it was who saw to the reclamation of the land which allowed for the building of the lovely semi-circular sweep of sea-wall and who even forced a grant of £1,000 from a reluctant Government for the improvement of the City's green "breathing space."

Charles Moore was responsible for the erection of the Garden Palace and Exhibition Building, unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1882; in his time also the first balloon ascended from the Upper Gardens—this in 1858.

Mr. Moore's dearest wish, however, centred round the establishment of a Herbarium to house the original botanical specimens of Sir Joseph Banks which had been offered to Australia by the British Museum. He lived to see his hopes realized as, in 1899, six years before his death, a Herbarium was built.

In 1896, James Henry Maiden was appointed Government Botanist and Curator of the Botanic Gardens, which position he held for 43 years. He worked faithfully and well and to him, as to Charles Moore, we owe a definite debt of gratitude. Mr. Maiden was followed by George Darnell Smith. The present curator is Mr. R. H. Anderson.

Our pioneers are today remembered by the memorial garden laid down on the site of the old Exhibition Building, also by the gigantic fountain in honour of Captain Arthur Phillip and the Statue to Sir John Robertson.

There are the old, old trees and stone walls; the lines of glass houses; orchids and ferns, and ponds with duck and teal. There are birds everywhere; there are little bursts of colour, sudden glory of blue delphiniums and primary colour riot of snapdragons; enormous beds of rose gardens and a new world note in curious cacti—not forgetting that centre for scientists, the Herbarium.

In the early days of our settlement, the Botanic Gardens were used as a testing place for plants. They still have that purpose for the many introduced plants and seeds which are received as exchanges from different parts of the world.

But to the people of Sydney they are just the "Gardens"—a resting place and beauty spot, in the midst of the rush and roar of a great city, remote in their peace and colour glory. They are a paradise for the very young and a haven of quiet for the aged.

With an intangible air of age and wisdom, the Gardens seem to survey with serene and peaceful countenance, the blue waters of the Cove beyond, wherein the ships of the First Fleet once rode at anchor. In this green and lovely "breathing-space", the words of the poet Keats, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever", take on, indeed, a living meaning.



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